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Dear Friends:

I would like to welcome you to another festive holiday season in Boston. Whether taking in shows like Peter Pan and Jose Mateo's Nutcracker, or shopping for that perfect gift at the Holiday Market in Downtown Crossing, Boston is unique in its seasonal splendor.

We celebrate the neighborhoods of Boston with Macy's Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lightings. This rolling delight of good cheer makes its way through Boston the first weekend of December. While there, enjoy the holiday shopping and decorated storefronts that make each Main Street district unique.

There is magic to every season in Boston, but especially during the winter. Happy Holidays, and I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas M. Menino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Menino" clearly legible.

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston




Thomas M. Menino, Mayor
City of Boston



November 1st

Guest Speaker Julie Sloan and The Restoration of La Farge's 'Christ Preaching' Window


John La Farge's 'Christ Preaching' (1883) — newly returned to the church after a multi-year restoration. This is Trinity Church's crowning glory and one of the artist's most significant windows. *Trinity Church in the City of Boston, 206 Clarendon St, Boston. 7:00 pm, in the Forum. For more information call 617-556-0944 or email kacerbobachmann@trinitychurchboston.org.* 

<http://www.trinity-churchboston.org/>

November 1st

Author Talk:

Peter Bebergal

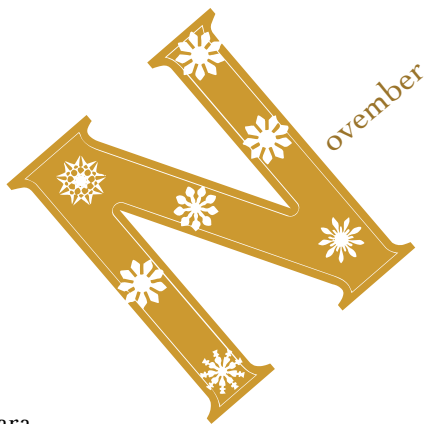
Peter Bebergal, author of *Too Much to Dream: a Psychedelic American Boyhood*, relates the story of his drug addiction inside the larger history of psychedelics, spirituality, and popular culture. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston St., 6:00 p.m. 617-556-5400.* 

www.bpl.org/authors

November 1st

Civil War on the Freedom Trail

Tour led by Barbara Berenson, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. We think of the Freedom Trail's history as ending in 1776, but the struggle continued and many of the familiar sites linked to the Revolution have strong associations with events leading up to and connected to the Civil War. Participants on this tour will learn about those connections from the author of a new book about this topic. The \$15 fee (\$10 for MHS Members) includes a copy of the book. Reservations required. Participants will be sent directions to the start of the tour. 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. *The Freedom Trail Foundation, 99 Chauncy Street, suite 401, Boston. 617-357-8500* <http://www.thefreedom-trail.org/>




November 1st - 13th

Riverside Theatre Works Presents Thornton Wilder's "Our Town"

A memorable American classic, this play tells the story of two families in a small New England town and their personal hopes for a good life, lasting love and eternal peace. *November 4, 5, 11, & 12 at 8pm. November 6 & 13 at 2 p.m. 45 Fairmount Ave. Hyde Park. For tickets: 866-811-4111. www.rtwboston.org/*

November 1st - December 30th

Civil War Exhibition


features paintings, a commemoration of the war through U.S. stamps, replicas of Civil War era newspapers, and a selection of books about the great conflict. *Brighton Branch of the Boston Public Library, 40 Academy Hill Rd., 6:30pm, 617-782-6032. www.bpl.org/civilwar* 

Nov. 1st -
December 30th

threesixty° presents JM
Barrie's Peter Pan on
City Hall Plaza

Conceived by an award-winning creative team, this smash hit production features amazing puppets, epic music, dazzling flying scenes and the world's first 360-degree CGI theater set. This magical new performance of Peter Pan is an extraordinary experience for the whole family to enjoy and a great way to celebrate the holidays with friends and family this season. Don't miss the opportunity to experience this unique production!

City Hall Plaza, Boston. For tickets call

888-772-6849, or at BoxTix at Faneuil Hall and Copley Square. For groups of 10+ call 617-532-1116. \$. 

www.peterpantheshow.com/


Nov. 1st – January 1st
The 8th Annual Mayor's
Holiday Special

Half price tickets to theatre, dance and music performances as well as restaurant discounts.

www.mayorsholidayspecial.com

November 1st -
December 31st


Torn in Two: The 150th
Anniversary of the Civil
War

The Norman B. Leventhal Map Center will showcase 50 historic maps interwoven with 40 photographs, paintings, prints, diaries, political cartoons, music and press of the period, all from the Boston Public Library's special collections. Sponsored by Liberty Mutual Group. *Changing Exhibits Room, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street. 617-536-5400.* 

www.bpl.org/civilwar

November 1st -
December 31st

Home Front: Boston
and the Civil War.

Home Front provides a personal look at this extraordinary period in American history and the war's tremendous impact on the city of Boston and its citizens. Sponsored by the Associates of the Boston Public Library. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street. 617-536-5400.* 

www.bpl.org/civilwar

November 1st –
February 29th


Art & Architecture Tours

The Boston Public Library offers tours highlighting the architecture of Charles Follen McKim and Philip Johnson, as well as the many works of famed sculptors and painters. The free tours last about an hour and are given by volunteer guides. No appointment is necessary. *Tours meet in the lobby of the McKim Building (Dartmouth Street entrance). The following is a list of currently scheduled tours: Monday 2:30 p.m., Tuesday 6:00 p.m., Wednesday 11:00 a.m., Thursday 6:00 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m., Sunday at 2:00 p.m.* 

www.bpl.org

November 3rd

Boston Public Library
Author Talk: Ha Jin

Award-winning author Ha Jin's latest novel, *Nanjing Requiem*, unfurls during one of the darkest moments of the twentieth century: the Rape of Nanjing, and he re-creates the terror, the harrowing deprivations, and the menace of unexpected violence that defined life in Nanjing during the occupation. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 6 p.m. 617-536-5400.* 

www.bpl.org/authors

Nov. – Feb. 29th

Boston's Freedom Trail® Foundation

Historic Pub Crawl

Revolutionary ideas may have come from speeches at Faneuil Hall or a meeting of the Sons of Liberty, but their courage and inspiration came from Boston's Taverns. The Historic Pub Crawl takes visitors to four taverns – The Point, Bell in Hand, Green Dragon, and Union Oyster House – and offers traditional Boston fare and sampled Samuel Adams beer at each stop.


This tour is offered Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., departing from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace ArtsBoston booth or is available as a private tour by appointment. Reservations are required for this tour.

The Freedom Trail Foundation. 617-557-8300.

www.thefreedomtrail.org/

Fridays in November and December


Fridays at Trinity

Every Friday, 12:15 pm, except December 23rd. Enjoy this weekly series of midday organ concerts. There is no charge for admission, but we invite a donation of \$5. *Trinity Church, 206 Clarendon St, Boston. For more information. Call 617-536-0944 or email ebindricks@trinity. 6:00 p.m. (617)-536-0944.* 

www.trinitychurchboston.org/

November 3rd


First Blood: The Minute- men of '61 at the Old South Meeting House

Boston National Historical Park Ranger Dan Gagnon discusses the Massachusetts men who echoed the spirit of their Minuteman forefathers. \$6, *FREE FOR OSMH MEMBERS AND NPS EMPLOYEES, 12:15 – 1:15pm. Old South Meeting House, 510 Washington St. (617) 482-6439.* 

<http://oldsouthmeeting-house.org/default.aspx>

November 3rd

Bishop NT Wright Returns to Trinity Church Join NT (Tom) Wright

The Bishop of Durham, and one of the most prominent voices in Anglican theology as he returns to Trinity. The Bishop combines erudition with good grace and humor. *Trinity Church, 206 Clarendon St, Boston. 7:00 pm, in the Forum. For more information call 617-536-0944 or email wrick@trinitychurchboston.org* 
www.trinitychurchboston.org/

November 4th

American Century Mu- sic's Evening Programs at the First Church in Boston

ACM's 2011/12 signature series will take place at First Church in Boston's historic Back Bay. Sonatas and Piano Trios by Frederick Converse, Walter Piston, Roy Harris, and Arthur Foote. Gabriella Diaz, Violin. Rafael Popper-Keizer, Cello. Yoko Hagino, Piano.

First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St., Boston. 7:30 p.m. 617.267.6750.

www.firstchurchboston.org/

November 4th - 6th

The 25th Annual Christmas Festival & the Gingerbread House Competition

Shop from 300 of America's finest craft artists. Top chefs create gingerbread masterpieces to be judged by a celebrity panel and sold to benefit Housing Families, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending family homelessness.

Friday - noon – 7:00 p.m

Saturday - 10:00 – 6:00 p.m.


Sunday 10:00 – 5:00p.m

Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Boulevard, Boston. 617-585-5000. 

www.bostonchristmas-festival.com/home.html

November 5th
Boston Early Music
Festival Concert Series
Apollo's Fire with
Philippe Jaroussky

Superstar countertenor Philippe Jaroussky returns to the Boston concert stage after his breathtaking performance in the BEMF 2011 centerpiece opera, *Niobe*, Regina di Tebe, in a concert with Apollo's Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra. Led by Jeannette Sorrell, Apollo's Fire has been consistently recognized as one of the world's finest period-instrument orchestras.

Free pre-concert talk at 7:00 p.m. Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston. 617-661-1812. \$. 
www.bemf.org/

November 5th & 6th
Roslindale Open Studios

Over 110 artists display and sell a wide variety of art: jewelry, paintings, ceramics, fiber, photography, sculpture, calligraphy, glass, prints, drawings, mixed media and assemblage in over 40 locations (home studios, group spaces and businesses).

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information call 617-543-7443 or email roslindaleopenstudios@gmail.com.
www.roslindaleopenstudios.org/

November 5th & 6th

South Boston
Open Studios

Featuring Artists & Craftspeople at:
The Distillery, 516 E 2nd St.
King Terminal, 110 K St / 574 E 1st St.
Noon - 6:00 p.m.

www.southbostonopenstudios.org/


November 5th & 6th
Fenway Open Studios

30 Ipswich Street
Boston. 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
www.friendsoffenwaystudios.org/

November 6th

All Saints Requiem,
featuring the Victoria
Requiem


The Requiem for All Souls will feature *Missa pro Defunctis*, a Requiem mass from the Spanish Renaissance composer Tomas Luis de Victoria. This work, along with the Heinrich Schuetz *Selig sind die Toten*, is incorporated into the 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist.

Trinity Church, 206 Clarendon St, Boston. 6:00 p.m. (617)-536-0944 

www.trinitychurchboston.org/

November 7th


A Visit with Abraham
Lincoln at the Boston
Public Library

Steve Wood, a distinguished Lincoln presenter since 1995, will portray the great man through anecdotes about Lincoln's 1860 visit to New England, stories of his early life, his campaign debates with Stephen Douglas, the Civil War and a reading of the Gettysburg Address. *Brighton Branch of the Boston Public Library, 40 Academy Hill Road, 6:30pm, 617-782-6032.* 

www.bpl.org/civilwar

November 9th

Author Talk:
Niall Ferguson

In *Civilization: The West and the Rest*, bestselling author Niall Ferguson argues that while the Rest relied on ancient techniques to maintain their outwardly superior empires, the West developed six powerful new ideas that the others lacked: competition, science, democracy, consumerism, medicine, and work ethic. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 6 p.m. 617-536-5400.* 

www.bpl.org/authors



Nov. 10th

Strand Theatre: America Scores 12th Annual Poetry Slam

Now in its 12th year, the Poetry Slam provides 360 Boston Elementary School student-athletes a unique opportunity to express themselves in front of their peers, parents, friends, and community members. This year, SCORES kids will share their "promise to the future."

The Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, MA. 5:00-7:00 p.m. 617-635-1403 or 617-553-4705.



www.americascorusboston.org
<http://strandboston.com/>

November 10th

American Century Music's "Second Thursdays" At the First Church in Boston

ACM's 2011/12 signature series will take place at First Church in Boston's historic Back Bay. The First Church in Boston Series is comprised of two parts: a half-hour lunchtime concert on the Second Thursday of each month and two full-length evening programs. Charles Wakefield Cadman: Piano Trio in D Major, Op. 56. Claremont Trio.

Tickets are not required for the Mid-day programs. Donations are accepted and appreciated. *First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St., Boston. 617.267.6750.*



www.americancentury-music.org/
www.firstchurchboston.org/

November 10th

Ford Hall Forum: Evangelicals in the Electorate
Dr. John C. Green, Senior Research Advisor at the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, presents empirical data on what evangelicals actually believe based on surveys of clergy and parishioners. Authors of *The Anointed*, Dr. Karl Giberson and Dr. Randall Stephens, provide an analysis of intellectual authority within this group and examine themes ranging from Creationism to messaging. Ford Hall Forum Board member and former religion reporter for the Boston Herald Eric Convey converses with these sociological researchers to predict how Evangelical Christians' true values will translate into civic action.

C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University, 55 Temple Street (behind the State House on Beacon Hill)



6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

www.fordhallforum.org/

Nov. 11th

STRAND 93 - A Birthday Celebration

Strand Theatre celebrates its 93rd birthday with 93 quilts from New England Quilting Guild, Sisters in Stitches Joined by the Cloth. There are two new gallery spaces featuring a wonderful 2 month display of quilts from the region. Color guard salute to War Veterans mark the day as WWI ended the day the theatre opened November 11, 1918. *4:00-7:00 p.m, free admission.*

617-635-1403.



www.strandboston.com

November 11th

Fall Concert: Boston Children's Chorus In honor of Veteran's Day.

St. Cecilia's Parish, 18 Belvidere St. Boston, 7:00 p.m.

www.bostonchildrenschorus.org/

November 11th

USS Constitution Museum

Memories in Profile: Silhouettes for Sharing

Create a lasting memory, or the perfect holiday gift, at the USS Constitution Museum with a portrait silhouette hand cut by local artist, Carol Lebeaux. Lebeaux is one of the few remaining silhouette portrait artists in the country and will capture a profile in just a few minutes from the sitting model or from a profile photograph. Acid-free matting and frames are available on site to complete your gift. Take home an heirloom portrait that are as popular today as they were during the War of 1812!

Advance registration preferred, please call 617-426-1812. 10:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m. USS Constitution Museum, Building 22, Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston.



www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org/



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November 12th

Practical and Fashionable Dress of the Civil War Era

Barbara Menard Pugliese will present an illustrated lecture on the fashions of the Civil War era and will explain how and why women dressed this way. *Honan-Allston Branch of the Boston Public Library, 300 N. Harvard Street, Allston. 2 p.m. 617-787-6315.* 

www.bpl.org/civilwar

**November 12th and 13th
Allston Open Studios**

This year, approximately 40 artists will show their work. In addition, children are invited to create a mural on the 3rd floor at 119 Braintree Street. The neighborhood of Allston is compact and diverse. All art studios are within an easy walking distance and can be seen in one day. A wide variety of outstanding ethnic restaurants abound in the area.

Noon - 6:00 p.m.


*1 Braintree Street
119 Braintree Street
99 Franklin Street
20/52 Rugg Road
617-254-3505*

<http://www.allstonarts.org/>

November 12th

One Luv Dance Company presents "Through Our Eyes"

A World Premiere of One Luv Dance Company with all new works by Joe Gonzalez, Linda Thomson, Aura-Jakiz Ortiz, and May-lisa Chandler; with great inspiration of Andrea H. Major. The young dancers will be performing a wide range of contemporary and modern Choreography. Through Our Eyes is a show about our young dancers expressing the world as they see it.

The Strand Theatre, 545 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 617-756-7751. \$ 


www.oneluvdancecompany.com/

<http://strandboston.com/>

November 14th

Jeff Davis and the Music of the Civil War

Music was everywhere during the Civil War. Jeff Davis will sing and play the music of the era, including slave songs, parlor music, hymns, and a variety of other tunes. He will be accompanied on banjo, fiddle, guitar, and several other lesser-known instruments.


East Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library, East Boston Branch Library, 276 Meridian Street, 6:30 p.m. 617-569-0271. 

www.bpl.org/civilwar

November 14th

Author Talk: Caroline Preston and Marisa de los Santos

Caroline Preston and Marisa de los Santos will discuss their latest works. Preston's *The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt* is visually stunning full-color novel told in the form of a scrapbook. Marisa de los Santos, the author of the popular fan and reading group favorite *Love Walked In* and *Belong to Me*, returns with *Falling Together*, an emotionally resonant novel about friendship, family, and love.

Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 6:00 p.m. 617-556-5400. 

www.bpl.org/authors

**November 15th -
March 12th**

Corporate Nights at the Frog Pond

Rent the Frog Pond ice rink for your upcoming event! Call now to book a date for this popular night out!

Monday evenings, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Frog Pond, Boston Common. 617-635-2121
www.bostonfrogpond.com

November 15th –
March 13th

College Night at the Frog Pond

Students from all the Boston area colleges are invited to come down for ice skating at a special price of \$2, (rental skates available on-site). The Frog Pond is offering reduced admissions and special programs for students. *Frog Pond, Boston Common, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 617-635-2120.*

www.bostonfrogpond.com

November 15th

Annual Newbury Street League Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join the Newbury Street League as they light up the trees along Newbury Street for the 2011 holiday season. Cafeteria, 279A Newbury Street, Boston, 5:30 p.m. For more information call 617-635-3911 or 617-267-2224.

<http://newburytreetleague.org>

November 16th

Taste of Mission Hill

Join your neighbors and enjoy the cuisine and experience of Mission Hill's cultural and culinary ties at this 1st annual dining event. Featured speaker, BRA Director Peter Meade with MA State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez.

Mission Church Parish Center (the lower church hall), 1545 Tremont St., Roxbury, MA, 6-8:30 p.m. Free event! 617-427-7399.

www.missionhillmainstreets.org

November 16th

Garlands and Green

Ring in the holiday season!

Hampshire House, 84 Beacon Street, Boston. 6:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m. 617-227-1922. \$.

www.bhcivic.org

November 16th

Boston's Irish American Regiment and the Civil War

The Ninth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry was a unit of Irish Bostonians who chose to bear arms for the Union. This lecture by Christian G. Samito will cover how Boston's Irish American soldiers exhibited their loyalty to the United States and acted as citizens, strengthening their identity as Americans in the process. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston St. (M); 6 p.m. 617-556-5400.*

www.bpl.org/civilwar

November 17th


Practical and Fashionable Dress of the Civil War Era

Barbara Menard Pugliese will present an illustrated lecture on the fashions of the Civil War era and will explain how and why women dressed this way. Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library, 179 Main Street (M) p.m. 617-242-1248.

www.bpl.org/civilwar



November 17th
Author Talk: Claire
Tomalin

In Charles Dickens: A Life, the tumultuous life of England's greatest novelist is beautifully rendered by an unparalleled literary biographer, Claire Tomalin, the author of eight highly acclaimed biographies including Thomas Hardy and Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 6 p.m. 617-536-5400.*  www.bpl.org/authors

November 17th
Lower Mills Merchant
Association 3rd Annual
Winter Stroll

Stroll through Lower Mills village and visit local shops. There will be a trolley running back and forth from the Milton and Dorchester sides. *St. Gregory's Auditorium, 2214 Dorchester Ave, Lower Mills, Dorchester. 5:50 - 9:00 p.m. 617-296-7039* www.lowermillsmerchants.com

Nov. 17th –
January 20th
Boston's Freedom Trail@
Foundation Historic
Holiday Stroll

Led by a costumed tour guide dressed in 19th century Dickensian garb, the Historic Holiday Stroll tells visitors how holiday traditions evolved in Boston as they also experience highlights of the American Revolution. The Stroll will be offered from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace ArtsBoston booth, Thursday through Sunday at 3:30 p.m., from November 17th - January 20th. This festive tour ends with visitors warming their bones with complimentary hot chocolate, tea, or wine and Boston Cream Pie at the historic Omni Parker House Hotel. Reservations are required for this tour, call 617- 357-8300. \$. www.thefreedomtrail.org/

November 18th
Arrival of Boston's Official Christmas Tree

Once again, Nova Scotia has agreed to provide Boston's Official Christmas Tree. Nova Scotia will transport the tree to the Boston Common where Santa Claus and children from local schools are invited to welcome the tree to the Boston Common. *Boston Common. 11:00 a.m. 617-635-4505.*

www.cityofboston.gov/parks

November 18th
Frog Pond
Skating Opening

Opening Celebration includes top-notch performances from professional and gold medal skaters, as well as an appearance by Frog Pond Freddie and activities for the entire family. *Frog Pond, Boston Common. 5:50 – 7:00 p.m. Season runs November 18th-March: Mon: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sun - Thurs: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Fri - Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. 617-635-2120* www.bostonfrogpond.com



November 19th

**Faneuil Hall Market-
place Tree**

Lighting Ceremony
All-day family fun and
holiday entertainment.
Tree illumination at
5:00 p.m. with special
guest Jerod Mayo of the
New England Patriots!
Faneuil Hall Marketplace.
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
[www.faneuilhallmarket-
place.com](http://www.faneuilhallmarket-
place.com)


November 19th

**St. Brendan's 3rd Annual
Holiday Festival**

Homemade items and
crafts from a wide variety
of vendors. *Fr. James Lane
Hall, St. Brendan
Church, 589 Gallivan Blvd,
Dorchester. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00
p.m. 617-436-0310*
st.brendanguild@yahoo.com

November 19th

Author Talk: Sonia Rowe

Sonia Rowe shares her
inspiring story in *How
God Delivered Me from
What the Doctor Di-
agnosed as Depression.*
*Mattapan Branch of the
Boston Public Library, 1350
Blue Hill Avenue, 2 p.m.,
617-298-9218.* 
[www.bpl.org/branches/
mattapan.htm](http://www.bpl.org/branches/
mattapan.htm)

November 20th


**Festival Thanksgiving
Service**

Join Old South Church
at their ancestral home,
Old South Meeting
House for a musical
extravaganza complete
with choir, brass and
handbells. *Old South Meet-
ing House, (corner of Wash-
ington and Milk Streets).* 
11:15 a.m. 617-536-1970.
www.oldsouth.org

November 21st

Civil War Performance:

**Gwendolyn
Quezaire-Presutti as
Harriet Tubman**

Harriet Tubman was
an African American
abolitionist, humanitar-
ian, and Union spy. She
escaped from slavery
and rescued more than
70 slaves using the
network known as the
Underground Railroad.
Gwendolyn Quezaire-
Presutti brings a spell-
binding authenticity and
understanding to her
interpretation of Harriet
Tubman during the Civil
War days. *Codman Square
Branch of the Boston Public
Library, 690 Washington
Street, Dorchester. 6:30 p.m.
617-436-8214* 
www.bpl.org/civilwar

November 21st

**Christopher Columbus
Park Trellis Lighting**

Christopher Columbus
Park will be transformed
into a Holiday wonder-
land when the 260 feet of
trellis are lit with 50,000
white and blue lights,
along with lighted pine
boughs highlighting the
Kennedy Rose Garden
and 12 decorated trees.
*Christopher Columbus Park,
North End. 5:30 p.m.*
www.foccp.org
[www.cityofboston.gov/
parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/
parks)



November 22nd
2nd Annual Deck the
Windows of Boston
Main Streets

Holiday's on Main Streets- Kick Off with Mayor Menino - Location TBD. 2nd Annual Deck the Windows of Boston Main Streets Announced.

December 8th: *Holiday Window Decorating Contest begins.*

December 12th: *Online voting by the general public begins.*

December 18th: *Online voting closes - Grand Prize Winner is decided by popular vote.*

December 20th: *Mayor Menino Awards the "First Place" Storefront.*


Location: TBD

Various Main Streets districts throughout the City.

Free event. 617-655-0015.

www.bostonmainstreets.com


November 24th
Thanksgiving Day
Family Eucharist

Come to Trinity to celebrate Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving. The nursery will be open at 10:30 am on Thanksgiving morning for the 11:00 am service. Reservations are not necessary. There will be a Thanksgiving children's bulletin for older children. *Trinity Church in the City of Boston, 206 Clarendon St, Boston. 617-556-0944. 11:00 a.m.* 

www.trinitychurchboston.org/

November 24th
Thanksgiving Day
Traditional Feast at the
Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

Partake in a delicious feast that features traditional cuisine of the Holiday. Other highlights include kid-friendly foods and desserts. Live jazz music and children's desert decorating. For reservations or more information, please call 617-574-7184.

Ritz-Carlton Ballroom, 12:00 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. 

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/BostonCommon

November 25th
Macy's Holiday Tree
Lighting

Macy's annual post-Thanksgiving tree lighting in Boston continues, as the store places this year's holiday tree atop the marquee at its Downtown Crossing location. *450 Washington St.*

Summer St. Plaza, 1 Summer St. 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. 617-357-3000.

www.macys.com

November 25th –
December 24th
Downtown Crossing
Holiday Market


Outdoor holiday village and street performers. Artisanal foods, original jewelry, and works in metal, clay, wood and fiber handmade by local artisans. Summer Street, *Downtown Crossing, Boston. Mon – Sat, 11:00 a.m – 7:00 pm; Sun. 11:00 – 5:00 p.m.*

www.bostonbid.org

November 25th -
December 31st
Boston Ballet's
The Nutcracker

A Boston tradition performed by one of the country's great dance companies.


Boston Opera House, 559 Washington Street, Boston.

Various times. \$. 


www.bostonballet.org



November 25th – 27th
USS Constitution
Museum: Family Days
at the USS Constitution
Museum

Families from near and far are invited to enjoy special family-friendly activities at the USS Constitution Museum. Explore life at sea aboard “Old Ironsides” in the early 1800s through special hands-on activities and interactive programs. Take home activities are also available to help your family learn more about USS Constitution’s long, proud history. Let your imagination set sail! *USS Constitution Museum, Building 22, Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston at 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more details, call 617-426-1812*  www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org

November 26th
26th Annual Boston
TubaChristmas Concert
Over 150 tuba players will be playing your favorite holiday tunes! *Performance Plaza between Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market. 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.* www.boston tubachristmas.com
www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com

Nov. 25th – Dec. 24th
Santa in the City
Santa is coming to The Shops at Prudential Center! Capture the magic of the holiday season and bring the kids for a special photo with Santa.
Fri - Sat: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sun - Thu: Noon – 7:00 p.m.
Extended hours begin December 17th.
December 17th & 18th: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
December 19th: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
December 20th: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
December 21st & 22nd: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
December 23rd & 24th: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Belvidere Arcade, The Shops at the Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., Boston. 617.256.5100 
www.prudentialcenter.com/

November 26th
Fields Corner Tree
Lighting Celebration
Celebrate the start of the holiday season with your friends and neighbors at the annual Fields Corner Tree Lighting. Join us for the Blarney Stone’s delicious hot cocoa, tasty treats and caroling! Santa and Mrs. Claus will bring goodie bags for all the children.
Corner of Dorchester Ave. & Park St., Dorchester, MA. Free event. Time: TBD. For more information call 617-474-1432.
www.fieldscorner.org

November 26th
27th Annual Roslindale
Tree Lighting
Join Roslindale Village Main Streets to bring light to the dark winter season! Bring an ornament for the community tree, or create one there with the Roslindale Arts Alliance. This year will feature a preview performance of the Urban Nutcracker and a visit from the Sugar Plum Fairy. Caroling, hot chocolate, visits with Santa and a brass band fill out this much-loved tradition. It’s also Small business Saturday which helps to promote shopping in the business district.
Adams Park, Roslindale Village. 5:00 - 5:00 p.m.
www.roslindale.net

November 26th
Peabody Square Tree
Lighting Celebration
Enjoy caroling, refreshments, and goody bags for the kids. Bring an ornament to decorate the tree!
Ashmont Station Plaza, corner of Dorchester Ave and Ashmont Street. Free event. Time: TBD. 617-825-3846.
www.smams.org

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and Dazzle...and Dance...and Cheer...and Song

November 25

Macy's Holiday Tree Lighting

450 Washington Street Noon – 7 pm

A downtown tradition. www.macys.com

November 25 – December 31

Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker

Boston Opera House 539 Washington Street

A must-see holiday event for the whole family!

www.bostonballet.org

November 25 – December 24

Holiday Market in Downtown Crossing

Summer Street Mon – Sat, 11 am – 7 pm; Sun 11 am – 5 pm

Outdoor holiday village and street performers. Artisanal foods, original jewelry, and works in metal, clay, wood and fiber handmade by local artisans. www.bostonbid.org

November 27, December 22, February 19

King's Chapel Concert Series

King's Chapel 40 Tremont Street 5 pm

www.kingschapel.org

December 10

Second Annual Bill Rogers Jingle Bell Run

Hyatt Regency Boston, Ave de Lafayette 5 pm – 10 pm

www.billrogersrunningcenter.com

For a **complete** list of Downtown Boston holiday shopping events, restaurant specials, and promotions, contact the Downtown Boston BID at info@bostonbid.org.



November 26th
Boston Main Streets
Small Business Saturday
Small Business Saturday, which falls between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, is a national effort to drive consumers to shop at local merchants during the heaviest shopping weekend of the year to support small business and save customers money. All day. Free event.
Brighton Main Streets - 617-779-9200.

www.brightonmainstreets.org.

Bowdoin- Geneva Main Streets - call 617-436-9980.
www.bowdoin-geneva.org.

Maverick Square/Central Square in East Boston -from noon to 5 p.m. For more information call 617-561-1044.

www.ebmainstreets.com.

Fields Corner Main Streets - call 617-474-1432.

www.fieldscorner.org.

Washington Gateway Main Streets - call 617.542.1234.

www.gatewaymainstreet.org.

West Roxbury Main Streets - call 617.325.6400.
www.westroxburymainstreets.com.


Hyde Park Main Streets, all day. Free event. For more information call 617-361-6964. www.hydeparkmainstreets.com.

JP Centre/South Main Streets - call 617-522-0500.
www.jpcentre.south.org.

Roslindale Village Main Streets - For more information call 617.527.4065. www.roslindale.net/

Bowdoin- Geneva Main Streets - for more information call 617.436.9980. www.bowdoin-geneva.org.

November 26th, December 3rd and 17th
Sugarplum Tea
Join the Ritz-Carlton for Sugar Plum Tea featuring delicious desserts, a children's sing-along, and an interactive holiday craft activity. In addition, guests will be able to meet and mingle with costumed members of the Boston Ballet's production of The Nutcracker!

Ritz-Carlton Boston Common, 10 Avery St. Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. \$. 617-574-7184. 

www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/BostonCommon

November 26th
St. Marks Area Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration

Come to Dorchester Avenue for caroling and cheer. Santa arrives at 7:30 p.m. to light the tree! Reception afterward at the Ashmont Station Plaza. Co-sponsored with neighborhood civic and art groups. Ashmont Station Plaza, Dorchester Ave. Caroling starts at 7:00 p.m.

www.mydorchester.org
www.smams.org

November 26th
The Dorchester Holiday Celebrations Committee Trolley Tour

The trolley will make the following stops:

5:10 - Lower Mills @ Lower Mills Apartments (Dorchester Ave).

5:30 - Port Norfolk @ Redfield (Daniel Emmet O'Connor Square).

4:00 - Harbor Point (entrance off of Mt. Vernon Street).

4:30 - Meetinghouse Hill @ Rev.

Allen Park (corner of Adams and Winter).

5:00 - Upham's Corner @ the Strand Theatre.

5:30 - Blessed Mother Teresa Church (formerly St. Margaret's, 800 Columbia Road).

6:00 - Savin Hill @ Ryan Playground (Dorchester Ave).

6:30 - Fields Corner @ Park Street and Dorchester Ave.

7:00 - King Street Playground (Corner of King St and Adams St).

7:30 - Peabody Square @ North Plaza Ashmont Station (corner of Ashmont and Dorchester Ave). The trolley will depart from Florian Hall, (55 Hallet St.) and end in Peabody Square, Dorchester. 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. For more information email

Chris.English,
Christopher.English@cityofboston.gov

Saturdays & Sundays
Nov. 26th – Dec. 18th
Loring Greenough
House Holiday Wreath
Sale

Handmade wreaths are sold to benefit the Loring-Greenough House's community-building and conservation efforts. *Loring Greenough House, 12 South St., Jamaica Plain. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. www.loring-greenough.org*

November 27th
King's Chapel
Concert Series


Johann Sebastian Bach: Leipzig Chorales, Part II
Heinrich Christensen, organ, with Thomas Gregge, tenor, singing the chorale tunes. The second half of Bach's monumental cycle of chorale preludes. Suggested donation at the door: \$15; students and seniors, \$10. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

King's Chapel, 64 Beacon St., Intersection of Tremont and School St. 617-227-2155.

www.kings-chapel.org/

November 27th
Anderson Tree Lighting
in Logan Square
Start the Hyde Park holiday season off right with the Anderson tree lighting! Featuring face painting, carriage rides, horse-drawn sleigh, carousel, stage shows, fun food and games. Lighting of the Anderson tree is at 4:30 p.m. with Mayor Menino, in front of the Hyde Park Community Center. Everyone is invited! *Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River St., Hyde Park. 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. www.cityofboston.gov www.hydeparkmainstreets.com*


November 29th
Copley Square Tree
Lighting
Friends of Copley Square and the Parks Department host the annual Tree Lighting with Santa Claus and festive entertainment. The tree is lit to the sounds of the Old South Church Bells. *Copley Square. 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 617-635-4505. www.cityofboston.gov/parks*

November 29th
American Eden: What Our Gardens Tell Us About Who We Are
Gardens reveal information about who we are as a nation—where we have come from, and where we might be headed. From ethics to aesthetics, from politics to political correctness, Designer Wade Graham will speak about the history of gardening in America and how it has shaped and been shaped by daily life. Co-sponsored by the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. *Tickets: \$15 Trinity Church/Arboretum members; \$20 General Public. Available at The Shop at Trinity, 617-536-0944, or through the Arboretum, 617-384-5277, or register online at my.arboretum.harvard.edu. 7:00 p.m. Trinity Church in the City of Boston, 206 Clarendon St, Boston. 617-536-0944  www.trinitychurchboston.org/*



November 29th
Boston Public Library
Author Talk: Gregory
Maguire

Gregory Maguire will talk about *Out of Oz*, the stirring, long-awaited conclusion to the extraordinary bestselling series begun with *Wicked*. *Wicked*, now a beloved classic, is the basis for the blockbuster Tony Award-winning Broadway musical of the same name. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston St., 6:00 p.m.*

617-536-5400. 

www.bpl.org/authors

December 1st
Boston Common
Tree Lighting

Enjoy the 70th annual lighting of Boston's Official Christmas Tree provided as a gift by Nova Scotia. The Tree Lighting, presented by the Park Department, WCVB Ch. 5 and Magic 106.7 is filmed live on Chronicle at 7 p.m.

Boston Common, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 617-635-4505.

www.cityofboston.gov/parks

December 1st
Grove Hall Holiday
Tree Lighting

Tree lighting and carolers followed by a Holiday Movie on a big screen.

Corner of Blue Hill Avenue/ Washington Street. 6:00pm

Free event. 617-427-2560

www.greatergrovehall.com

December 1st
Boston Common Tree
Lighting Ceremony
Skating Spectacular

As an added element to the City of Boston's annual tree lighting ceremony, The Skating Club of Boston will present a spectacular skating show at the Frog Pond featuring a dynamic and exciting assortment of local skating stars in all the various disciplines of ice-skating. *Frog Pond, Boston Common. 5:30 p.m.*

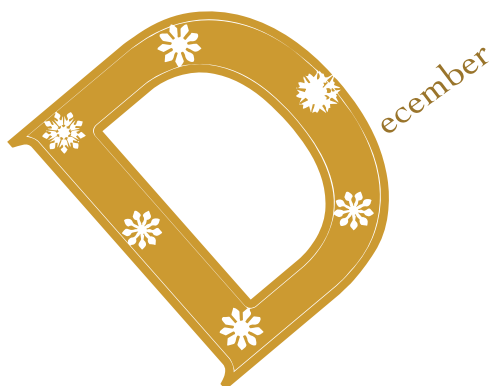
617-635-2120.
www.bostonfrogpond.com

December 1st
Grove Hall
Holiday Party

Music, Snack foods, chips, cheese, crackers, hot chocolate, finger foods, chicken fingers, tomatoes, pizza, popcorn, juice, water.

Grove Hall Community Center. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Free event. 617-427-2560
www.greatergrovehall.com



December 1st
Commonwealth Avenue
Mall Lighting

Since 2003, the Mall has been successfully lit without public funds thanks to the efforts of chairperson Mimi La Camera, the lighting committee, and many neighborhood supporters. Following the Boston Common Lighting, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall will be lit. *Commonwealth Avenue Mall, 8:15 p.m.*

617-635-4505.
www.cityofboston.gov/parks

December 1st
Jamaica Plain First
Thursdays

35 artist studio openings on Centre and South Streets.

Centre and South Streets, Jamaica Plain. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Free event. 617-522-0500.

www.jpcentresouth.org

December 1st

Villa Victoria

Tree Lighting

Come light the neighborhood tree and admire the Betances mural in this colorful South End Neighborhood.

Plaza Betances, 100 West Dedham St., South End.

5:00 p.m.

www.villavictoriaarts.org

December 1st

Muhammad's Mosque

No. 11

Holiday Celebration

Grove Hall Community Center, 51 Geneva Street, Dorchester.


5:30 – 8:30 P.M. For more info., contact Greater Grove Hall Main Streets at 617-427-2560.

December 1st

Lowell Lecture: Tony


Horwitz

A native of Washington, D.C., Tony Horwitz is a graduate of Brown University and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

Four of his books have been national bestsellers. Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 6 p.m. 617-536-5400.  www.bpl.org/lowell

December 2nd


The Annual Senior Craft Show

At Boston City Hall, 2nd & 3rd Floor. Lobby Area, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  www.cityofboston.gov

Dec. 1st & 2nd

Once On This Island

Boston Collegiate Charter School presents this highly original and theatrical Caribbean adaptation of the popular fairy tale "The Little Mermaid" garnered eight Tony nominations for its Broadway run, including Best Musical, Book and Score. In almost non-stop song and dance, the show tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death.

Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Ave., Dorchester. 7:00 p.m. 617-265-1172. \$. 

www.bostoncollegiate.org

<http://strandboston.com/>

December 2nd

Hyde Park Main Streets

Carole Crawl

Seven spectacular stops in Hyde Park.

We will sing our way through Cleary and Logan Square.

Starting at Riverside Theatre Works, 45 Fairmount Ave. 6:30 p.m. Call for reserved spot: 617-561-6964

www.hydeparkmainstreets.com/

Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th,

and 22nd

Roslindale Holiday

Wander

Description - More than 25 businesses open their doors and stay open late for the weekly holiday stroll. Planned activities include caroling around the district, gift wrapping, personal gift advising, and holiday cooking demonstrations.

Roslindale Village Businesses and Restaurants, 5:00- 9:00 p.m. Free event.

617-327-4065

www.rosindale.net

December 2nd

"Another Holiday Jazz Night"

Join BGMS on their second annual Holiday Jazz Night with performances by Berklee College of Music performers and the jazz duo of Morton and Herman while nibbling on delectable hors d'oeuvres.

First Parish Church - 10 Parish Street, Dorchester. 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Free event. 617-436-9980


www.bowdoin-geneva.org

December 2nd

Old South Ringers

Handbell Concert: "Here We Come A-Caroling"

Join the Old South Ringers for a musical romp of their favorite Christmas songs.

Old South Church, Copley Sq. 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. 617-536-1970. 

www.oldsouth.org

MAYOR THOMAS M. MENINO

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MACY'S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR & TREE LIGHTINGS

DECEMBER 2ND:

5:30 p.m: West Roxbury
Roche Family Ctr

6:15 p.m: Readville
Wolcott Square

6:45 p.m: Mattapan
Mattapan Square

7:15 p.m: Dorchester
Codman Square

7:45 p.m: Dorchester
Adams Corner

DECEMBER 3RD:

2:00 p.m: Jamaica Plain
J.P. Monument

2:45 p.m: Jamaica Plain
Hyde Square

3:15 p.m: Roxbury
Mission Hill

3:45 p.m: Roxbury
135 Dudley St. (B-2)

4:15 p.m: South End
Boston Center for the Arts

5:00 p.m: Brighton
Oak Square

DECEMBER 4TH:

1:00 p.m: South Boston
West Broadway

1:45 p.m: Chinatown
*Harrison Ave. &
Beach St.*

2:30 p.m: North End
Paul Revere Mall

3:15 p.m: Charlestown
Thompson Square

4:00 p.m: East Boston
Central Square

WWW.CITYOFBOSTON.GOV/ARTS

617-635-3911



December 2nd
Fort Point Holiday Stroll
Stroll, Shop & Sip the night away! Twenty-five neighborhood businesses will be open for a unique evening of shopping, with special offers, discounts, and holiday treats for all.
4:00-8:00 p.m.
www.fortpointarts.org

December 2nd
North End Holiday Stroll
Join us on our North End Holiday Stroll visiting boutiques, galleries and studios on Hanover, Prince and Salem Streets. 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.
www.northendwaterfront.com

December 2nd – 4th
Handel & Hayden Society: Handel's Messiah
A holiday tradition for 157 years. Celebrate with the return of compelling soloist Catherine Wyn-Rogers, and the debuts of young stars Sophie Bevan, Allan Clayton, and Sumner Thompson.
Symphony Hall. Dec. 2nd, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 3rd & 4th, 5:00 p.m. \$.617-266-3605. ♿
www.handelandhaydn.org

December 2nd & 3rd
A Rich History: A Celebration of Chocolate at the Old South Meeting House Annual Holiday Open House
With the rebellion against tea in the colonial era, our forefathers chose a more opulent and rich drink to symbolize freedom — hot chocolate! Join the team from American Heritage Chocolate to ring in the holidays at the Meeting House with a taste of handcrafted chocolates made with authentic 17th century recipes. Then, shop for unique, affordable gifts in our Museum Shop.
Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, at the corner of Washington and Milk Streets in Downtown Crossing, Boston. 10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m daily.
(617) 482-6439 ♿
www.osmh.org


December 2nd, 3rd, 4th
Mayor Thomas M. Menino presents Macy's Enchanted Trolley Tour & Tree Lightings
Schedule on the opposite page. *For more information call 617-635-3911 or visit:*
www.cityofboston.gov/arts

December 2nd – 4th
The Fort Point 13th Annual Holiday Sale
Artists from one of Boston's most popular artistic enclaves sell their original work. 12 Farnsworth St., Fort Point Channel.
4:00-7:00 p.m on 12/2.
11:00 a.m- 4:00 p.m on 12/3 & 12/4.
www.friendsoffortpointchannel.org

December 3rd
Pop Goes the Holidays
Sponsored by Boston Properties Food Court at the Prudential, 800 Boylston St., 12:30 -1:00 p.m.
www.bostonchildrenschorus.org



December 2nd - 28th
Radio City Christmas
Spectacular


Back by popular demand! The grandest holiday show of all time returns to Boston! The world-famous Radio City Rockettes® bring their eye-high kicks and a cast and crew of over 100 back to Boston's Citi Performing Arts Center. *Citi Performing Arts Center, 270 Tremont St., Boston. Various times. \$.* 1-866-548-9758. 

www.citicenter.org

December 30th

~~December 3rd~~


The Strand Theatre:
America's Next
Top Rapper

Reality TV series America's Next Top Rapper Competition films on location at the Strand Theatre. Join nationwide search kickoff at the Boston Auditions with iconic rapper judges Trina, Director Lil X and Rockwilder. Series premieres on VH1 TV. Think you can rap? Visit: www.tnvent.info for contestant information and registration. Cheer on contestants reserve online audience seating. *The Strand Theatre, 545 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. 10:00 - 9:00 p.m. 617-635-1403 or 617-302-7340. \$* 

www.tnvent.info


<http://strandboston.com/>

December 3rd
City-Wide Friends
Book Sale

The City-Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library hold a book sale on the first Saturday of each even-numbered month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the McKim Building, Conference Room B. *Central Library in Copley Square. 617-536-5400.* 

www.bpl.org

December 3rd
Old South Church
Holiday Arts & Crafts
Fair

New England Artists and crafters will vend their unique offerings. *Old South Church, 645 Boylston St. Boston. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 617-536-1970.* 

www.oldsouth.org

December 3rd
First Unitarian
Universalist Holiday Fair
Holiday Craft Fair

6 Eliot Street, Jamaica Plain, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information call Monroe Heyman, 617-524-1634.

www.firstchurchjp.org

December 3rd
Winter Lights along
the Greenway

Join friends and family at the East Boston Greenway for a night filled with sing-alongs, carolers and festive luminaries.

East Boston Greenway, from Marginal to Porter Streets. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. 617-542-7696.

www.bostonnatural.org


December 3rd
Pope's Hill Christmas
Party and Tree Lighting

4:30 p.m. tree lighting at Neponset Circle, followed by pizza, soda and gifts from Santa Claus for the kids.

Neponset VFW Post, 362 Neponset Ave., Dorchester. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

www.popeshill.com

December 3rd
**Dudley Main Streets/
Merchants' Association
Christmas Party**

Kids Christmas Party
at the Dudley Library.
Dudley Library, 65 Warren Street, Roxbury. The Christmas party starts at 1PM. *The Trolley Tour will be making a stop at 3:50 PM at 155 Dudley St. (B-2) for a tree lighting. For more information, contact 617-541-4644.* 

www.bpl.org

December 3rd
**Mission Hill Tree
Lighting Celebration &
Wreath Hanging Party**

Join your neighbors,
Mayor Menino, Santa
& Mrs. Claus for the
annual Mission Hill Tree
Lighting celebration!
Enjoy caroling, refresh-
ments, and goody bags
for the kids.

*Brigham Circle - Tremont
St. and Huntington Ave.
Free event. 617-427-7599.*
www.missionhillmain-streets.org

December 3rd & 4th
**Holiday Decorating
Days**

Be a part of the magic!
Help decorate some of
Beacon Hill's
1,100 historic lamp posts
for the Holiday season.
*Harrison Gray Otis House,
141 Cambridge Street. 10am
– 4pm. 617-227-1922.*
www.bhccivic.org

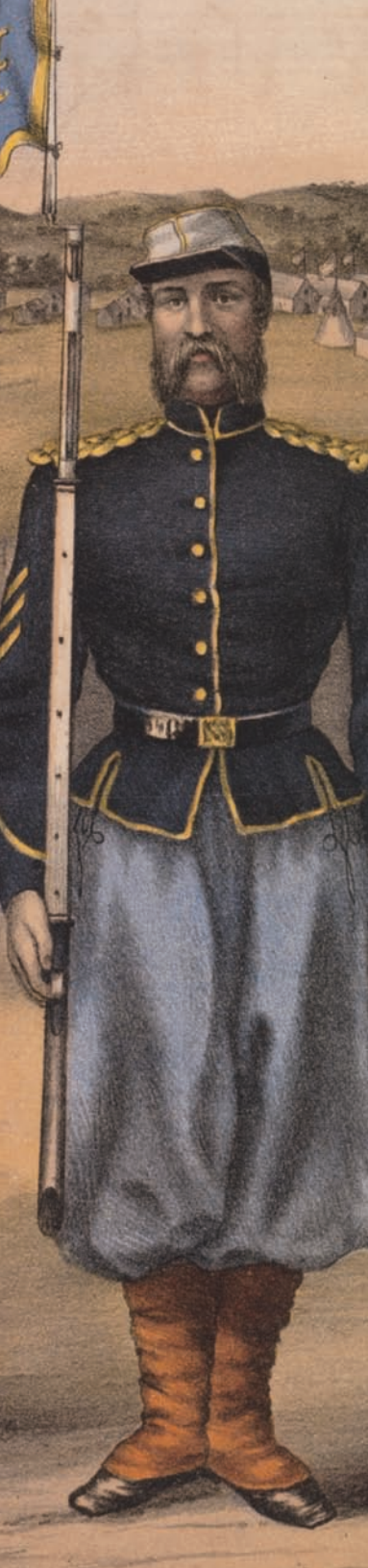
December 3rd
**Neighborhood Associa-
tion of Back Bay
Annual Tree Sale**
Get everything you need
to make your house look
festive this season!
*Clarendon St. Playground.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For
more information, contact
Lois Harvey at 617-247-
3961.*

December 3rd
**Newbury Street League
Holiday Stroll**
Festivities include ce-
lebrities, in-store retailer
events, food, drink, street
performers and more!
*Noon – 4:00 p.m.
617-267-2224.*
www.newburys-treetleague.org

December 3rd
**Charlestown
Holiday Stroll**
The Holiday Stroll will
kick off with Santa on
his Segway at 10:00 a.m.,
but the Friends of the
*Charlestown Dog Park will
gather at Dirty Harry's
(287 Main St.)
at 9:30 a.m. with their pets
and walk down to Thompson
Square together. Please join
us! Charlestown. 10:00 a.m.
Dogs must be well-behaved.*
www.charlestowndog.blogspot.com

December 3rd & 4th
**21st Annual Catholic
Charities Labouré Center
South Boston
Christmas House Tour –
Five Houses**
The Labouré Cen-
ter gives tours of five
houses decorated for the
holidays. Twilight Tour,
Saturday from 4:00-6:00
p.m with reception fol-
lowing.
*Daytime Tour, Sunday, De-
cember from 12:00-4:00 p.m.*
*For information and ticket
purchase contact Laboure
Center 617-268-9670*
www.ccab.org/Lab_House_Tour

December 3rd & 4th
**Holidays at the Paul
Revere House**
Costumed interpreters
in the Revere House, c.
1680, and neighboring
Pierce-Hichborn
House, c. 1711, will
acquaint visitors with
Colonial thanksgiving
traditions and contro-
versies surrounding the
observance of Christmas.
Discover why Boston
banned any observance
of Christmas at times
during the 1600's. Enjoy
a cup of mulled cider and
enjoy delicious sweets
baked from early Ameri-
can recipes. Refresh-
ments are free with ad-
mission. *19 North Square,
Boston, MA. 9:30 - 4:15 p.m.
617-525-2558.* 
www.paulreverehouse.org



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concerts, storytellers, and more.*



December 3rd & 4th

Charlestown Open Studios

As Charlestown artists open their studios to the public, this is a great chance to buy your gifts for the holidays.

Throughout Charlestown.

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

www.artistsgroupof-charlestown.com


December 3rd –18th

Urban Nutcracker

The holiday dance classic re-worked with the neon crackle of the inner city.

Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, Boston.

Various times. \$.

617-524-4581 

www.balletrox.org

December 3rd-19th

Black Nativity


Combined with the poetry of Langston Hughes, this song-play touches a special chord in the hearts of all. Time & Venue TBD, \$.

617/442-9289

www.blacknativity.org

December 4th

Bazaar Bizarre

An array of funky crafts are on sale for the holidays. *Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., South End. 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.* 

www.bazaarbizarre.org

December 4th

Holiday Cheer in Chinatown

What's your cup of Tea?

Join us for Tea sampling with Santa & the elves, and Mayor Menino at the Annual Holiday Trolley to Chinatown. There will be Tree lighting, Singing, Dancing, and Tea Sampling and goodies for kids of all ages.

Phillips Square – Harrison Ave. and Essex St., 1:00 p.m.

Free event. 617-550-6505.

www.chinatownmain-street.org

December 4th

East Boston Chamber Holiday Parade

Carolers, Santa Claus, Hot Chocolate, Pizza and Chinese food. 6:00 p.m. Free event. MBTA

Blue Line Orient Heights. 617.569.5000

www.eastbostonchamber.com

December 4th

Worcester Square Tree Lighting

Worcester Sq. in the South End. 5:00 p.m.

www.wsana.net

Tabitha.Bennett@cityof-boston

December 4th


Bay State Model Railroad Museum "Santa Comes to Roslindale" Holiday Open House

A hidden treasure in Roslindale, the Model Railroad Museum houses three award-winning full-scale model train sets and is only open to the public twice a year. Admission is free for kids under 12, \$5 for adults. Santa will arrive by convertible at noon and entertain kids downstairs at Dandelions Flower Shop until 3:00 p.m. 760 South Street (upstairs), Roslindale. 11:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. Snow date, Dec. 11th.

www.bsmrm.org

December 4th, 11th & 18th

Nutcracker Breakfast with Mrs. Claus

Mrs. Claus will be meeting up with special friends from Boston Ballet's production of The Nutcracker and joining us for a festive holiday breakfast. Nutcracker Breakfast with Mrs. Claus will be presented on *Sundays prior to the 1:00p.m. Matinee at The Opera House. 10 a.m. \$55 per adult and \$38 per child 12 years and under exclusive of tax and gratuity Reservations are required, call 617-574-7184.* 


www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/BostonCommon/Default.htm

December 5th
6th Annual Holiday
Window Contest
Local Businesses window
decorations judged by
local artists
4:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m.
617-561-1044.
www.ebmainstreets.com

December 5th
Hyde Park Main Streets
Super Bowl Drawing
Win a trip to the Super
Bowl. *Cappy's in Wolcott
Square, 10 Wolcott Court,
Readville, MA, 6:00 – 8:00
p.m. (8:00 p.m Drawing).*
Free event. 617-361-6964.
[www.hydeparkmain-
streets.com](http://www.hydeparkmain-
streets.com)


December 5th
Brighton Center
Tree Lighting
Come sing along with
your neighbors and
friends and help Santa
light the Christmas tree
in Brighton Center. Time
& location:TBD
For more information
contact Rosie Hanlon:
rosiebms@verizon.net

December 5th - 10th
27th Annual MassArt
Holiday Sale
Shoppers looking for
interesting and unique
gifts won't want to
miss out on MassArt's
Annual Holiday Sale.
Tower Building Lobby,
MassArt, 621 Huntington
Avenue. 10:00 a.m - 7:00
p.m. 617-879-7710 
[www.massart.edu/cal-
endar](http://www.massart.edu/cal-
endar)


December 5th
A Christmas Carole
The free-spirited
Firebird Ensemble
celebrates the holidays
with its dramatic
presentation of A Christ-
mas Carol an entertain-
ing musical setting of
Charles Dickens' classic
story. This vibrant and
amusing performance
brings Dickens' charac-
ters to life in a suspense-
ful and exciting journey
from past to future. A
Christmas Carol captures
the spirit of the season
while introducing clas-
sical music and a classic
novel to audiences of all
ages.
*Strand Theatre, 543 Co-
lumbia Rd., Dorchester. 6:00
p.m. For more information
call 617-480-5112 or 617-
655-1405. Free admission.* 
[www.firebirdensemble.
com](http://www.firebirdensemble.
com)
<http://strandboston.com/>
call for accommodations.

December 6th
Reopening African
Meeting House
\$4 million renovation
complete; oldest black
church standing in USA
[www.maah.org/afmbea-
conhill.htm](http://www.maah.org/afmbea-
conhill.htm)

December 6th
City Point Neighborhood
Association Tree
Lighting
*Medal of Honor Park, E.
Broadway & M St., South
Boston. 6:30 p.m.*
www.cityofboston.gov


December 6th
Author Talk:
Barnet Schechter
Barnet Schechter, an
independent historian,
has compiled George
Washington's America,
a unique biography
inspired by the maps
Washington used
throughout his life. Beau-
tifully illustrated in color,
the book allows read-
ers to visualize history
through Washington's
eyes. This author talk is
presented in partnership
by the Norman B. Lev-
enthal Map Center at the
Boston Public Library
and the Boston Map
Society. *Central Library in
Copley Square, 700 Boylston
Street, 6 p.m. 617-536-5400.*
www.bpl.org/authors 

December 7th
The timeless classic "The
Nutcracker" is
performed by the Boston
Dance Company
*Strand Theatre, 543 Colum-
bia Rd., Dorchester.*
10AM. \$. 
[www.bostondancecom-
pany.net](http://www.bostondancecom-
pany.net)

December 7th – 24th
Boston Holiday Pops
This holiday season,
share in this beloved con-
cert experience with
family and friends.
*Symphony Hall, 301 Mas-
sachusetts Ave, Boston.*
Various times. \$. 
www.bso.org

December 8th
Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting
Charles St. is shut down and made into a festive winter wonderland.
Charles St., Beacon Hill.
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
617-720-7888
www.beaconhillonline.com


December 8th – 11th
The Museum School Art Sale
A destination for art collectors and those who simply love art. Seek out works from the Museum School's newest students and most acclaimed alumni. *School of the Museum of Fine Arts, 230 The Fenway. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.*
www.smfa.edu/artsale 

December 9th
Mayor's Holiday at the Strand – Celebrating 10 years of Boston Community Gospel
Mayor Menino celebrates 10 years of Gospel Fest hosted annually each summer. Join Boston's premier Gospel artist showcased each year as we deck the halls with winter cheer bringing warm summer vibes into the hearth and home this holiday season. *Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Ave., Dorchester, 7:00 p.m. 617-655-5911 or 617-655-1405. Free Admission.* www.strandboston.com 

December 9th & 10th
Riverside Theatre Works Holiday Show
8 p.m. For tickets call: 866-811-4111
www.rtwboston.org/

December 9th & 10th
Boston's Handel's Messiah
Boston's moving, Grammy-nominated Handel's Messiah.
NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston. 7:50 p.m. \$. 617-484-9200 
www.bostonbaroque.org

December 10th
El Jolgorio Navideño 2011
The largest Latino Christmas Gala in New England, attracting over 3,500 guests annually.
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Various times. 7:00 p.m - 1:00 a.m. \$. 617-564-0787
www.eljolgorio.org 


December 10th
Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)
Celebrate its 5th building birthday & 75th museum Birthday at a special free to the public all day celebration. 
www.icaboston.org/

December 10th
West Roxbury Holiday Stroll
Participating businesses offering specials, giveaways, and winter treats to shoppers. Fabulous holiday decorations in district store fronts, enter to win raffle prizes.
Time: TBD. For more information contact West Roxbury Main Streets at 617-325-6400.
www.westroxburymainstreets.com

December 10th
Egleston Square Holiday Event
The event held in collaboration with local Egleston organizations, businesses and residents, will include: Carolling, Presentation of Egleston Square Window Display Contest Winner, music and dance presentations by local young people, tree lighting ceremony and refreshments and raffle prizes! *Egleston Square Peace Garden, 5133 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Free event. 617-522-7752*
www.eglestonsquare.org


December (TBD)
Four Corners Tree lighting & Holiday Celebration
Tree lighting at Mother's Rest Park in Dorchester.
617-287-1651.
www.fourcornersms.org


December 10th
Annual West End
Christmas Tree
Lighting Ceremony
*Cardinal Cushing Park, 1
Bowdoin Sq., Cambridge
Street, West End.*
6:00 p.m.
www.cityofboston.gov

December 10th
12th Annual Xmas
with Alex and Bobby,
a Children's Celebra-
tion
Since 1999 an annual
holiday celebration for
the Dorchester neighbor-
hood complete with San-
ta visit, a piñata, presents
for the kids and dancing
for everyone. The event
is sponsored by the
Bobby Mendes Peace
Legacy, an initiative of
the anti-violence peace
organization, Touchable
Stories. 5:00-9:00 p.m.
For more information
call 857-891-1072. Free
admission. 
[www.touchablestories.
org/BMPLCONTACT](http://www.touchablestories.org/BMPLCONTACT)
<http://strandboston.com/>

December 10th
Chamber of Commerce
Tree Lighting
*In front of the South Boston
Library, 646 East Broad-
way, South Boston.*
10:50 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

December 10th
8th Annual SoWa
Holiday Market
& Cell Phone Santa
Now in its 8th season,
this year's SoWa Holiday
Market will feature over
80 juried artists and
designers from around
New England. Also,
don't miss a call from
Cell Phone Santa! Win
great gifts from Holiday
Market vendors and
South End businesses!
*Cathedral High School
Gym, 74 Union Park St. in
the South End. 11:00 a.m. -
7:00 p.m. \$. Free Parking at
500 e³ 540 Harrison Ave.*
[www.sowaholidaymar-
ket.com](http://www.sowaholidaymar-
ket.com)

December 10, 11, 17,
18, 24
Family Activity: Holiday
Ornament Crafting
Over 200 years ago,
the famous Paul Revere
made copper sheets to
line USS Constitution's
hull and protect it from
the harsh sea. We've got
the supplies ready for
your family to make spe-
cial holiday ornaments
out of copper to enjoy in
your home for years to
come! A small fee applies
for copper ornament,
and proceeds benefit the
Museum's educational
programs.
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*USS Constitution Museum,
Building 22, Charlestown
Navy Yard, Boston. For
more details, call 617-426-
1812.* 
[www.usconstitutionmu-
seum.org](http://www.usconstitutionmu-
seum.org)

December 10th
7th Annual Candy
Land Tournament
Children's holiday event
to benefit Pitching in
for Kids. Children's
activities, entertainment,
games and a kids buffet!
*Quincy Market Building,
Upper Rotunda.* 
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$.
[www.faneuilhallmarket-
place.com](http://www.faneuilhallmarket-
place.com)

December 11th
North End Annual
Christmas Parade plus
Santa Claus arrives by
Helicopter
*in Puopolo Park (on Com-
mercial St.), to celebrate the
holidays in the North End.*
1:00 p.m.

December 11th
Washington/Grove
Christmas Tree Lighting
*Royal Auto Tops Parking
Lot, 5181 Washington St.,
West Roxbury. 11:50 a.m.*
www.cityofboston.gov


December 11th
Trinity Choirs present
GF Handels' Messiah
as well as Bach's can-
tata, Wacht Auf. *Trinity
Church, 206 Clarendon St.,
Boston. 5:00 p.m. \$. 617-
556-0944.* 
www.trinityinspires.org

December 11th

Creative Souls

Holiday Craft Show

Hibernian Hall, 184 Dudley St., Roxbury. 11AM – 6PM

For more information, contact: 617-541-4644 

www.madison-park.org/hibernian-hall


December 11th

ARTROX Holiday

Art Affair

Holiday Craft Show

Hibernian Hall, 184 Dudley St., Roxbury. 11AM – 6PM

For more information, contact: 617-541-4644. 

www.discoverroxbury.org/

December 11th

The 238th Boston


Tea Party: Annual

Reenactment

This is where you join the party — the annual reenactment of the world-famous Boston Tea Party! Hear from the likes of John Hancock, the richest man in Boston; Francis Rotch, owner of ship Dartmouth; famed orator and doctor Joseph Warren; and notorious rabble-rouser Samuel Adams. Then witness firsthand a recreation of the event described by John Adams as “so bold, so daring... that I can’t but consider it an epoch in history.”

Old South Meeting House, 510 Washington St., Boston.

5:50 p.m. \$.

617-482-6439. 

www.osmh.org


December 11th

2011 Bill Rodgers

Jingle Bell Run

This fun run will be held at jogging pace. Participants will assemble in front of the Hyatt Regency and do a loop course through the streets of Boston, before returning to the Hyatt for the post-race party. Food and DJ entertainment will greet you at the party, and four-time Boston Marathon champion Bill Rodgers will present the 2011 Will Cloney Award and Jock Semple Award. As is the tradition at the Bill Rodgers Jingle Bell Run, holiday dress and costumes are encouraged but not required!

Hyatt Regency Boston, 1 Avenue De Lafayette, Boston.

4:00 - 10:00 p.m. 617-912-1254. 

www.billrogersrunning-center.com

December 11th - 19th

Joy! Holiday Concert

150 voices from the Boston Gay Men’s Chorus sing beloved carols.

NEC’s Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough St. Various times. \$. 

www.bgmc.org

December 11th

Trinity Choirs present

G.F. Handel’s Messiah

This year’s Advent concert of G.F. Handel’s Messiah (Christmas portion, with the Hallelujah chorus) takes place on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. Also featured will be the Saint Saens Christmas Oratorio, with the Trinity Choirs, soloists and orchestra. 


www.trinityinspires.org.

December 12th

Boston Classical

Orchestra Holiday Concert

Boston Classical Orchestra presents music for the holidays with special guest performances by Pope John Paul II Academy, Boston Arts Academy, and area Gospel artists. WGBH-TV’s Basic Black host Kim McLarin returns to host this annual family holiday concert.

Admission \$5 - \$10. The performance starts at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 617-425-5885. 

www.bostonclassicalorchestra.org

December 14th

History Speaker Series: Jazz Roxbury

Enjoy an interactive presentation about jazz in Lower Roxbury. *Haley House, 12 Dade Street, Dudley Square, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.*

www.discoverroxbury.org/

December 14th
Washington Gateway
District and South End
businesses Shopping
Night Out


South End retailers and restaurants will offer special discounts (15-20%) and dining specials to their customers as a way to say thank you for all the support our community has given them throughout the year.

Washington Gateway District and South End businesses. 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. 617-542-1254.

www.gatewaymainstreet.org


December 14th
We Are Boston
Gala 2011

Celebrating Diversity, Immigrant Contributions and Heritage. This is the 7th annual We Are Boston Awards Gala. The Gala attracts thousands of friends and supporters to celebrate and support the dreams, drive and contributions of the immigrant and diverse communities of Boston.

5:45 p.m. The Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. 


www.cityofboston.gov/newbostonians

December 14th
The 20th Massachusetts
Infantry

A lecture on the famous "Harvard Regiment" was actually half immigrant, mainly German and Irish, and served in many major battles of the war. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 6 p.m. 617-536-5400.* 


www.bpl.org/civilwar

December 15th
Lowell Lecture: Nell
Irvin Painter


A lecture by Nell Irvin Painter, a graduate of Harvard University who went on to become the Edwards Professor Emeritus of American History at Princeton University and directed the Program in African-American Studies from 1997-2000. She is the author of seven books and countless articles relating to the history of the American South. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 6 p.m. 617-536-5400.* 

www.bpl.org/lowell

December 15th & 18th
A Bach Christmas

Indulge in the rich sounds of Germany this Holiday season. NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston. 8:00 p.m on 12/16. 3:00 p.m on 12/19. \$.  www.handelandhaydn.org

December 16th
Pink Martini
Somewhere between a 1930s Cuban orchestra, a classical ensemble, a Brazilian street band and Japanese film noir. This special concert will feature songs from the band's multi-denominational holiday album, *Joy to the World*. Alongside seasonal songs the show will also highlight signature selections from all of Pink Martini's albums.

Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Ave., Back Bay. 8:00 p.m. \$. 617-747-2261. 
www.berkleebpc.com

December 16th & 18th
Christmas in a Great
English Church
Boston Cecilia celebrates its 136th season.

Dec. 16th: Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer St., Beacon Hill. 8:00 p.m.
Dec. 18th: All Saints Parish, 1775 Beacon St., Brookline. 3:00 p.m. \$. 617-232-4540
www.bostoncecilia.org

December 16th
Ottorino Respighii:
Lauda per La Nativita
Del Signore
Join the Chorus Pro Musica for a celebration of the holidays with the Triton Brass Quintet. *Old South Church, Copley Sq. 8:00 p.m. \$.* 
www.choruspromusica.org
www.oldsouth.org

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www.BalletTheatre.org

**December 16th & 17th
Annual Kwanzaa
Concert**

Dance troupe Origina-
tion gives their annual
concert. *Roxbury Commu-
nity College, 1254 Columbu-
s Ave., Roxbury Crossing. Fri,
7:00 p.m.; Sat, 3:00 p.m.*



www.originationinc.org

**December 16th-18th
Cultural Survival Bazaar
A Festival of Native
Arts and Culture**

Every year, hundreds of
artists and their repre-
sentatives sell traditional
crafts, artwork, clothing,
jewelry, carpets, and
accessories. The bazaars
also offer a wide assort-
ment of cultural perfor-
mances, which include
live music from around
the world, Native Ameri-
can storytelling, cultural
presentations, craft-mak-
ing demonstrations, short
films, and much more.

*Shops at Prudential Center
Newbury Arcade, 800
Boylston Street, Boston.*

*Friday & Saturday 10:00
a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*



<http://bazaar.culturalsurvival.org/>

**December 17th
2nd Annual Choral
Holiday**

Boston Choral Ensemble
will feature a guest choir
from Winchester High
School. *Old South Church,
Copley Sq. 2:00 p.m.*



www.oldsouth.org

**December 16th – 18th
WGBH's Christmas
Celtic Sojourn**

join Brian O'Donovan
once again for the New
England holiday
favorite "A Christmas
Celtic Sojourn" Brian
will be joined by Ruth
Moody, the group Halali,
Laura Cortese, Lissa
Schneckenburger and
guitarist extraordinaire,
Flynn Cohen.

*Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219
Tremont St., Boston. 12/16,
8:00 p.m.; 12/17, 3:00 p.m. &
8:00 p.m.; 12/18, 1:00 p.m. &
5:00 p.m.*

617-824-8400.

www.aestages.org

**December 17th & 18th
Candlelight Carols**

12/17, 4:00 p.m., Sunday,
12/18, 4:00 p.m. (Benefit),
7:00 p.m. The choirs of
Trinity Church present
their annual offering
of lessons, carols, and
anthems. Admission is
free. Doors open at 3:00
p.m. The Benefit version
of Candlelight Carols
is 12/18 at 4:00 p.m.

When you give tickets to
the Candlelight Carols
Benefit, you give a gift
of meaning and beauty,
while also supporting the
programs and minis-
tries of Trinity Church.
Tickets will be available
online.

[www.trinitychurchbos-
ton.org](http://www.trinitychurchbos-
ton.org).

**December 20th
Menorah Lighting**
*Boston Common, Boston.
3:00 p.m. 617-635-3911
www.cityofboston.gov*

**December 22nd
Bright Lights for Winter
Nights" light**
displays on Rose Ken-
nedy Greenway
Parks Winter Solstice
Time: TBD. For more
information call 617-635-
3911 or 617-292-0020.

December 22nd -24th

**Jose Mateo
Ballet Theatre,
The Nutcracker**
The timeless classic
comes alive with the Jose
Mateo Ballet Theatre.
The Nutcracker is a
must-see holiday event
for the whole fam-
ily! Join Clara on her
magical journey through
an enchanted winter
wonderland to a palace
of sugary confections.
*December 22nd and 23rd
at 6:30 pm, December 24th
1:30 pm. Contact: 617-354-
7467.*



www.ballettheatre.org

December 22nd
King's Chapel Concert Series
King's Chapel 40 Tremont Street 5:00 p.m. ♿
www.kingschapel.org

December 24th
Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
An elegant retelling of the Christmas story in carols and readings.
Old South Church, Copley Sq. 8:00 p.m. 617-536-1970. ♿
www.oldsouth.org

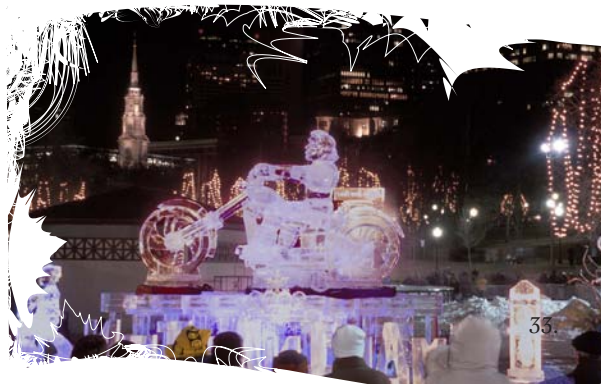
December 24th
Festival Services of Holy Eucharist
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 7:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. (music begins at 7:00 pm) and 11:00 p.m., celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve with Festival Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity choirs. Early arrival is recommended. ♿
www.trinitychurchboston.org/

December 25th
Christmas Day Brunch
Partake in a delicious feast that features traditional foods of the Holidays. Other highlights include kid-friendly foods and desserts. Live jazz music and children's dessert decorating.
For reservations or more information, please call 617-574-7184.
The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom, 10 Avery Street, Boston, Seatings: 12:00pm, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 3:30p.m. \$. ♿
www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/BostonCommon/Default.htm

December 25th
Christmas Day Service
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 11:00 am
Celebrate Christmas with Festival Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity choirs. Child-care for children 4 years old and younger will be available during the 11:00 a.m Holy Eucharist service. ♿

December 26-30th
Family Days at the USS Constitution Museum
Families from near and far are invited to enjoy special family-friendly activities at the USS Constitution Museum. Explore life at sea aboard "Old Ironsides" in the early 1800s through special hands-on activities and interactive programs. Take home activities are also available to help your family learn more about the USS Constitution's long, proud history. Let your imagination set sail! 10:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m.
USS Constitution Museum, Building 22, Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, For more details, call 617-426-1812. ♿
www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org.

December 31st
Meet the King of Instruments
Experience the magnificence of the 1921 Skinner orchestral pipe organ! Admission with a First Night button.
Old South Church, Copley Square. 3:30 p.m. 617-536-1970. ♿
www.oldsouth.org



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December 31st
**Old South Brass, Organ
and Percussion**

A program of "Pipes and Pops" playing arrangements of popular classics. *Old South Church, Copley Sq. Two shows: 6:50 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Admission with a First Night button. 617-536-1970.* 
www.oldsouth.org


December 31st
First Night Boston

Entertainment throughout Downtown Boston. Evening events include the First Night Procession and fireworks display. Visit the website for more information. *Hynes Convention Center; Boston Common. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. \$.* 
www.firstnight.org


December 31st
**Spotlight on Frog Pond:
A First Night 2012**

Ice Skating Celebration
The Skating Club of Boston will present a spectacular skating show at the Frog Pond featuring a dynamic and exciting assortment of local skating stars in all the various disciplines of ice skating. *Frog Pond, Boston Common. 6:00 p.m. 617-635-2120.*
www.bostonfrogpond.com

January 1st
**Annual New
Year's Day Swim**

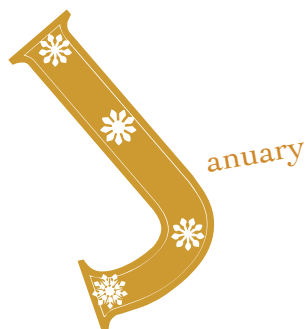
A tradition of the L Street Brownies for over 100 years. Take a chilly swim in the Boston Harbor to celebrate the New Year!
Curley Recreation Center; L St. Beach, 1663 Columbia Rd., South Boston. 9:00 a.m. 
www.lstreetcurley.com

**Sundays in January
& February**


**Isabella Stewart
Gardner Museum**
Enjoy a variety of eclectic concerts. *ISGM, 280 The Fenway. Sundays at 1:50 p.m. \$.* 
www.gardnermuseum.org

January 6th
**Hyde Square
Task Force Three
Kings Celebration**

The "three kings," representing the Three Wisemen of Christian tradition, visit children and families at the nearby John F. Kennedy Elementary School and give away more than 200 children's books. *Kennedy School, 7 Bolster St. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Contact Claudio Martinez at 617-524-8303 for more information.*
www.hydesquare.org



January 6th – Feb. 4th
"Superior Donuts"

Full of laughs and compelling characters, is a satisfying comedy-drama. *Boston Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon St. Various times. \$.* 
www.lyricstage.com



January 7th
Annual Chinatown Main
Street Gala

Come enjoy a night of authentic culture with a 9 course dinner, Martial Arts Performances, Lion Dance, Chinese Folk Dancing, Chinese Dough Maker, Calligraphy and more.

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Call Chinatown Main Streets for more information, 617-350-6505.

Location TBD.

www.chinatownmain-street.org

January 10th -
February 25th

Elisa H. Hamilton Exhibit & A Group Show from the AAMARP

In honor of Black History month the Mayor's office of Arts, Tourism & Special events presents two exhibitions:

In the Mayor's Gallery, Elisa H. Hamilton, a young painter that turns ordinary interiors and still lifes into the extraordinary. In the Scollay Square Gallery, a group show of artists from the African American Master Artist-in-Residence Program (AAMARP), an adjunct of the Department African American Studies at Northeastern University. *Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Plaza. 9:00 -5:00 p.m.* ♿

www.cityofboston.gov/arts/visual/galleries.asp

January 16th
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and Celebration

Come join us in celebrating the legacy of Dr King. Celebration: *Historic Faneuil Hall. 1pm. MLK service event: Curley School, 493 Centre St., Jamaica Plain. Time: TBD.* ♿

www.cityofboston.gov/arts

January 16th
Walk Together Children
The Boston Children's Chorus

Celebrates the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with a tribute concert highlighting the virtues of individual freedom through collective effort. The program features the Premier Choir and the Young Men's Ensemble, and is in its ninth year.

NEC's Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough St. 2:00 p.m. e3 7:00 p.m. shows \$. ♿

www.bostonchildren-schorus.org

January 16th
The Museum of Fine Arts will be hosting an Open House in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

465 Huntington Ave.

Free. ♿

www.mfa.org

Jan. 16th – Feb. 29th
City Hall Exhibitions
In Honor of Black History Month

The Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events presents two exhibitions: *In the Mayor's Gallery; Laurence Pierce Exhibition (of Dorchester) - Pierce mixes abstraction and realism to express his views on African-American history. In the Scollay Square Gallery; Artists from the Hancock 509 Gallery and Park Arts Photos (of the Fields Corner neighborhood of Dorchester) - The gallery showcases a collection of local artists with diverse themes and mediums.*

Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Plaza. 9:00 -5:00 p.m. ♿

www.cityofboston.gov/arts/visual/galleries.asp

January 20th & 22nd
Vivaldi's The Four Seasons Concertmaster Aisslinn Nosky makes her H & H solo debut.

Audiences tour Italy, from Handel's operas written during his time in Italy to J.C. Bach's dramatic symphony written just after his stay in Italy. *Symphony Hall, 501 Massachusetts Avenue,*

5 p.m. \$ ♿

www.handelandhaydn.org

January 22nd

King's Chapel


Concert Series

A Baltic Cruise

King's Chapel Choir;

Heinrich Christensen,
director.

Choral gems from Swe-
den, Finland, Estonia,
Latvia, and Poland.

Suggested donation at
the door: \$15; students
and seniors, \$10. 5:00 –
6:00 p.m. King's Chapel,
64 Beacon St., Intersec-
tion of Tremont and
School Streets, Boston.
617-227-2155. 

[www.kings-chapel.org/
index.html](http://www.kings-chapel.org/index.html)

January 23rd

Chinese New Year

Enjoy a day where the
lions come out to play in
Chinatown. Follow
the lions throughout
Chinatown while they
parade from store to
store to wish the busi-
nesses a prosperous year!

*The festive parade begins in
Phillips Square.*


*Chinatown. 10:00 a.m. -
5:00 p.m.*

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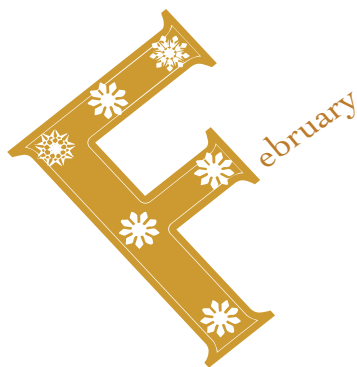
January 24th

The Lighthouse Opera
Night at the BPL

Boston Lyric Opera
performs in the Rabb
Auditorium, free of
charge. *Boston Public
Library, Copley Square.
Copley Square.*

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. 

www.blo.org



January 29th

Chinese New
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Join us to bring in the
New Year for Chinatown
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street.org](http://www.chinatownmain-street.org)

February 4th

City-Wide Friends
Book Sale

The City-Wide Friends
of the Boston Public
Library hold a book sale
on the first Saturday of
each even-numbered
month. *10:00 a.m. to 4:00
p.m. in the McKim Building,
Conference Room B. Central
Library in Copley Square.*

617-556-5400. 

www.bpl.org

Fridays & Saturdays in February

African American Patriots Tour

The Freedom Trail Foundation is celebrating Black History Month with the popular African-American Patriots guided tour, taking visitors through historic events of the American Revolution and the contributions of African-Americans who played a significant role in the shaping of America. Tales of intrigue and bravery, poetry and defiance by black Bostonians will unfold during this critically acclaimed 90-minute walking tour of the Freedom Trail. Led by a costumed guide, visitors view history through the eyes of revolutionaries such as Crispus Attucks, Phillis Wheatley, Prince Hall, Peter Salem and others.


*Boston Common. 1:00 p.m.
\$. 617-557-8500,
Reservations required.*

www.thefreedomtrail.org

February 4th - 12th

Calvin's Monster

Presented by Boston's Children's Theatre is the World Premiere of the new musical based on the children's book "Fairy Tale Moments" by Marcia Trimble.

*2:00 p.m. Roberts Theatre
at the Boston Center for the
Arts, 527 Tremont St., Bos-
ton. 617-424-6634 x222* 
[http://bostonchildrens-
theatre.org/](http://bostonchildrens-theatre.org/)



February 7th

Lowell Lecture:


Susan Hockfield

A lecture by Susan Hockfield, who has served as the sixteenth president of MIT since December 2004, the first life scientist and the first woman to head the Institute. In 2011, Dr. Hockfield led the Sesquicentennial celebrations of MIT's founding, which fell two days before the start of the Civil War and opened a vital new chapter in America's industrial and intellectual history. *Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston St., 6 p.m. 617-556-5400.*

www.bpl.org/lowell 

February 7th -19th

The Addams Family Presented by Broadway in Boston


The national tour of the new musical comedy THE ADDAMS FAMILY will make its Boston premiere at the Citi Performing Arts Center Shubert Theatre as part of the LEXUS 2011-12 Broadway Across America – Boston Series. 

[www.theaddamsfamily-
musical.com/](http://www.theaddamsfamily-musical.com/)
[www.citicenter.org/the-
atres/shubert/](http://www.citicenter.org/the-
atres/shubert/)

February 12th

A Romantic Valentine with the Borromeo


String Quartet

DEBUSSY: String Quartet TCHAIKOVSKY/TAKEMITSU: Andante doloroso (quartet & clarinet) TCHAIKOVSKY: "Souvenir de Florence", Borromeo String Quartet & BCO principals - Faneuil Hall. Sunday Only at 3:00 p.m. \$. 

[www.bostonclassicalor-
chestra.org](http://www.bostonclassicalorchestra.org)

February 14th

Free Opera Night at the BPL

Boston Lyric Opera performs Barber of Seville in the Rabb Auditorium, free of charge. Boston Public Library, Copley Sq. 6:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m. 

www.blo.org

Feb. 17th - March 17th

Time Stands Still

Widely hailed as one of the best new plays on Broadway, *Time Stands Still* is the story of Sarah and James, a photojournalist and foreign correspondent, who are reeling after their recent brush with death while on an assignment.

Will their relationship of nearly a decade be more threatened by a traditional go at domesticity than the roadside bombs of Baghdad?

Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St. Various times.



www.lyricstage.com

February 19th

King's Chapel Concert Series

Music for Cello and Organ. Rafael Popper-Keizer, cello; Heinrich Christensen, organ. Works by Marcel Dupre, Daniel Pinkham, a newly commissioned piece by Lisa Bielawa, "Westwar Odyssey" by Steven Laven, and "Episodio" by Niels la Cour.

Suggested donation at the door: \$15; students and seniors, \$10. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. King's Chapel, 64 Beacon St., Intersection of Tremont and School Streets, Boston. 617-227-2155.

www.kings-chapel.org/index.html



February 28th

Growing Potential: Gardening Behind Bars

In the Forum James Jiler is former Director of the Greenhouse Project, a renowned horticultural job training program for inmates at New York City's Rikers Island prison and author of *Doing Time in the Garden*. He will speak on a unique approach to re-directing prisoners' lives through horticulture.

Booksigning to follow.

7:00 p.m., *Trinity Church in Boston. Tickets available at the Shop at Trinity or arboretum.harvard.edu.*

\$ Contact Kathy Acerbo-Bachmann for more information, 617-536-0944 x217 or kacerbobachmann@trinitychurchboston.org. my.arboretum.harvard.edu.

February 29th - March 4th

Circa

Beauty, love and shades of human connection... in a thrilling spectacle of acrobatics! With no elaborate sets or gymnastics contraptions, tumblers use their own bodies and mesmerizing skills to conjure classic circus showmanship with a touch of Vaudeville.

Presented by Celebrity Series of Boston in association with ArtsEmerson. *Paramount Mainstage, 559 Washington Street, Boston. Various times. 617-824-8400.*

<https://artsemerson.org>
<http://www.celebrity-series.org/>

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